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In New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were higher on the larger sizes and lower on mediums when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was about steady to steady. Retail and food service demand was light to good. Supplies were mixed, ranging tight to sufficient for the larger sizes while the lighter weights were adequate to occasionally burdensome. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to fairly good demand. Breaking schedules were irregular. Light type fowl were at least adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were normal to reduced.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest warehouse prices were up 1 cent for the larger sizes and lower for mediums. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were down 2 cents for medium, 1 cent lower for small, and were unchanged for large. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail was light to at times fairly good with feature activity providing the best interest. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were at times close to adequate for the larger sizes and fully adequate to available for mediums and smalls. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate. Supplies balanced to fully adequate. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-70	65-67	LARGE	44-51	46
LARGE	61-69	63-66	MEDIUM	27-31	29
MEDIUM	46-52	49-51	SMALL	15-17	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were slightly higher on larger sizes, however mediums were lower when compared to previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady. Demand into all outlets was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for normal to heavy breaking schedules. Light type hens were at least adequate for normal to reduced processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68-82	68-72
LARGE	62-76	67-71
MEDIUM	47-60	52-54

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher for the larger sizes and lower for mediums. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand ranged light to fairly good where features were a factor. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were in full range of at times tight to available with the lighter weight eggs the longest position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate. Supplies balanced to fully adequate. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72.5-81	74-77
LARGE	68.5-77	70-73
MEDIUM	52.5-61	54-57

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were slightly higher on larger sizes and lower on mediums when compared to the previous week. The market tone was generally steady. Retail demand continued moderate to good. Supplies ranged balanced to available with the lighter weights in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to fairly good demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for the moderate demand. Slaughter schedules for this week were normal to reduced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66.25-76	70-73
LARGE	62.25-74	68-71
MEDIUM	49.5-57	50-54

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes following the holiday weekend. Trade sentiment was steady, although caution was noted. Demand ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	76-80
LARGE	74-78
MEDIUM	57-61

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices for larger sizes increased 1 cent, lighter weights declined 4 cents. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate instances good. Supplies were mixed, larger sizes were adequate, lighter weights were fully adequate to burdensome.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-75	69-71
LARGE	66-74	67-70
MEDIUM	51-60	54-56

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 1 cent higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4-5 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 7% lower than last week with California down 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 17%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 1 cent higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 3% lower than last week. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 65. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 298, 2 for \$4.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	118
EXTRA LARGE	109
LARGE	101
MEDIUM	85

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-349	JUMBO	279-379
EXTRA LARGE	219-309	EXTRA LARGE	219-359
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	239-319
MEDIUM	199-205	MEDIUM	169-299

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 04, 2004 will decrease by 9 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 28, 2004 were 235,962 cases which was 18 percent above the prior week and 20 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	200,492	35,470	235,962

% change from the prior week..... +21 +6 +18
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis.
Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate. Supplies balanced to fully adequate. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	46-48	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	33-39	33-35
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were less than normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 31-MAY-04
RANGE MAJORITY WTD
AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 6.25-10.5 CENTS/LB. 9.25-10.25 9.67
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 31-MAY-04
RANGE MAJORITY WTD
AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 6.5-12.75 CENTS/LB. 9.75-10.25 10.03

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-JUNE 01, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.8	14.7	5.8	12.3	8.8
	Change	-0.6	0.8	-0.1	0.4	-0.5
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.4	39.6	10.4	22.9	31.1
	Change	0.4	3.1	-1.4	2.4	-0.5
Large	Curr Wk	37.8	113.3	59.2	110.1	96.8
	Change	-12.0	8.7	7.1	9.6	-9.2
Medium	Curr Wk	15.6	53.3	14.0	28.3	32.1
	Change	-2.6	5.7	-4.7	3.9	-2.0
Small	Curr Wk	8.1	12.7	3.8	7.1	8.7
	Change	0.7	2.3	1.7	2.2	-5.1
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	28.7	8.8	15.4	5.7
	Change	-0.2	6.5	-1.1	3.7	0.0
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.8	41.6	20.5	36.4	23.9
	Change	1.6	-13.5	-8.7	4.6	0.7
Total	Curr Wk	122.1	303.9	122.5	232.5	207.1
Percent	Change	-9%	5%	-6%	13%	-7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	988.1	0%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	267.0	10%	35
Total Shell Egg	1255.1	2%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (DOLLARS PER DOZEN) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.01	1.98	1.89	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES (DOLLARS PER DOZEN) FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 17, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.54	1.54	1.44	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 27, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
10.00								15.00								25.00							
SE				NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	—	—	48.00	49.00	—	—	3.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.50							
GNR W 4	30.00	32.00	—	—	—	—	1.00																
GL W J	—	—	67.00	68.00	—	—	1.00																
GL W XL	—	—	—	60.00	57.00	—	1.50																
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.75																
GL W MD	—	—	56.50	58.00	—	39.00	3.75																
GL W SM	—	36.00	33.00	34.00	—	—	3.00																
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	125.00	128.00	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/21/04-05/27/04

CURRENT LOADS 63.25								FUTURE LOADS 76.00								TOTAL LOADS 139.25							
		SE		NE		MW					SC		NW		MW								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	48.75	53.00	48.00	50.52	—	56.67	19.50	GL W XL	61.00	64.00	—	71.00	—	68.50	4.75								
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	39.00	42.00	1.00	GL W LG	59.00	63.07	—	69.00	—	66.80	19.25								
GNR W 4	30.00	33.33	32.00	—	—	—	3.00	GL W MD	45.00	49.25	—	—	—	51.00	4.25								
GL W J	—	—	66.75	68.00	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	—	46.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W XL	62.60	62.90	59.83	61.63	57.92	60.50	33.00	NRBS - 39	—	40.50	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GL W LG	—	60.90	53.11	56.20	62.30	59.28	40.75																
GL W MD	47.07	37.50	43.50	48.33	—	39.00	11.75																
GL W SM	34.75	36.13	34.14	35.75	—	—	7.50																
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	125.00	128.00	1.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	49.10	48.00	39.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	45.50	2.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	34.00	1.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	33.50	—	37.25	42.00	3.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/24/04	05/17/04	05/26/03
PACIFIC COAST	537	538	153
LOS ANGELES	485	485	132

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on larger sizes, lower on smaller sizes. Supply is adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88.63
LARGE	84.63
MEDIUM	67.06
SMALL	55.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 250	225 – 240
1/2 doz.	123 – 151	125 – 134
Large doz.	200 – 250	217 – 227
1/2 doz.	120 – 142	128 – 133

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